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SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT

1. PRIME MINISTER ZAYD RIFAI PLANS TO ARRIVE AFTERNOON AUGUST 5 VIA AIR FRANCE FLIGHT FROM PARIS. EXACT FLIGHT NUMBER AND TIMES WILL BE CONFIRMED. FLIGHT MAKES INITIAL ENTRY AT BOSTON. PLEASE INFORM EMBASSY OF WHAT PLANS WILL BE MADE TO MEET RIFAI IN BOSTON AND FOR COURTESIES AND EXPEDITED CLEARANCE. PLEASE ALSO INFORM US OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEETING RIFAI IN WASHINGTON.

2. RIFAI HAS REPORT FROM JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON THAT DEPARTMENT WILL HANDLE HOUSING. WE ARE NOT SURE WHETHER THIS MEANS BLAIR HOUSE. RIFAI WOULD PREFER EITHER WATERGATE OR MADISON HOTEL IF US IS NOT MAKING ANOTHER ARRANGEMENT SUCH AS BLAIR HOUSE FOR HIM. HE IS RELAXED ABOUT WHATEVER ACCOMMODATIONS ARE EVENTUALLY PROVIDED, ALTHOUGH SINCE HE IS PRIME MINISTER AS WELL AS FOREIGN MINISTER, IT WOULD SEEM TO US THAT A SPECIAL EFFORT SHOULD BE INVOLVED.

3. RIFAI WILL ARRIVE WITH PARTY WHICH IS COMPRISED OF SECRETARY MR. JAMIL NADIF, AND AIDE-DE-CAMP, (ARMY CAPTAIN), AND TWO SECURITY OFFICERS. FOLLOWING ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON TWO SECURITY OFFICERS WILL RETURN TO JORDAN AS RIFAI WILL DEPART AUGUST 8 FOR VANCOUVER WHERE HE WILL JOIN KING

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HUSSEIN. NO DECISION YET MADE ON TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RIFAI

REMAINS FLEXIBLE ABOUT STAYING LONGER SHOULD THIS
BE REQUIRED.
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